

## ASSOCIATES OF THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING M.C.A.V. Inc.

This meeting was held on Monday October 7th 1985 at 24 Collins Street Melbourne. It was a pleasure to see a number of Associate members attend the meeting. The Associate members annual report was presented by Sue Silvers, copy attached. Office Bearers for 1985/6 are as follows:

President	-	Mr. Jim Commins
Snr. Vice President	-	Clive Hodge.
2nd Vice President	-	Harry Ryder.
3rd Vice President	-	Graeme Connley.
Executive Officer	-	Graeme Stoney.
Officer in charge of Special Projects	-	Lyle McCready.
Secretary	-	Coral Aston.
Assistant Secretary	-	Sue Silvers.
Marketing Officer	-	Joanne Rogers has retired as Marketing Officer, and this position was replaced by a Committee of four: Ross Brown, Graeme Stoney, Kelvin Bush and Sue Silvers.

The meeting voted that Lyle McCready be made an Honorary Life Member of the Association.

Mr. Jeff Burrowes addressed the meeting as guest speaker. He congratulated the Association on the result of the Nunawading campaign, but warned that the war was by no means over when the first battle had been won. His address was most encouraging and was warmly received by the meeting.

### MARKETING - T SHIRTS, WINDCHEATERS ETC.

This has become an enormous task, and one with great potential financially. The marketing Committee under the guidance of Ross Brown is looking into franchising the garments through Thomas Cook Pty. Ltd. This Company has outlets throughout Melbourne and Country centres, and also interstate. At this stage Cooks appear to be very keen to proceed with the idea. However Associates will still be able to order in bulk for special efforts, such as Shows and Get Togethers for example. If you are still anxious to obtain a T shirt or windcheater we ask that you be patient just a little longer. Garments will be available at the Get Together, and hopefully the situation with Cooks will be clarified within the next two weeks.

## CATTLEMENS PORT

The 2nd Edition of this ceramic jug of port will be released at the Get Together on the 1st and 2nd February 1986 at Catherine Station. There are still limited supplies of the 1st Edition available before Christmas. If you would like to secure a jug of two of this delicious brew, please contact Sue Silvers - 03 859 3165 or Kelvin Bush - 057 214 419. The cost is \$15 per bottle. If there is to be postage it will be rather more. Makes a great Christmas present for someone lucky.

Whilst on the subject of the port we would like to say a special thankyou to our artist Don Porter. Don did the artwork for the Nunawading campaign, and also the design for the label for the original 1st Edition of the port called the 150th Anniversary Special. The sketch for the label on the 2nd Edition is different, and we hope to change the design of the label each year whilst keeping the jug the same. By doing this we should end up with a very worthwhile and fascinating collection. We sincerely thank Don for his time and trouble in producing both labels, and note that the one for this 2nd Edition bears a striking resemblance to the sketch on the How-to-Vote card. Are we to assume that the Nunawading campaign has driven us all to drink!?

## 1986 GET TOGETHER AT CATHERINE STATION 1st & 2nd FEBRUARY, 1986

The invitation for this great weekend is enclosed with this Newsletter. Once again we urge all Associate members to join the Mountain Cattlemen for this annual event.

There are two matters in regard to the weekend at Catherine Station which the Committee has asked to be passed on to Associates. Firstly that extreme care must be taken on the road into the site. It is perfectly suitable for your car, but is narrow and winds a lot. The second matter the Committee wishes stressed is that the last stops for petrol are at either Cheshunt or Myrtleford. THERE IS NO PETROL AFTER EITHER OF THESE TOWNS, SO PLEASE FILL UP ON YOUR WAY IN.

## THE ALPINE PARK LEGISLATION

It was interesting to note in July, when the Minister announced that the Legislation was before the Assembly, that Mrs. Kirner also stated that she would return to the mountains on the 1st December 1985 to proclaim the Park for the people of Victoria. In fact the Minister was not in the mountains proclaiming on the 1st December 1985. The Bill reached the Legislative Council late in October of 1985 but has moved from No. 1 to No. 30 on the Notice Paper. Mr. Cain was reported in The Sun newspaper of November 26th as saying that the Government had decided not to push ahead with legislation to establish an Alpine National Park. This is by no means the end of the story, and we can only assume that the legislation will come before the next Parliament in the autumn.

THE HOW-TO-VOTE CARD INQUIRY

Police investigations into complaints are continuing and under these circumstances the Association is unable to comment further. However a full report on this issue will be made available when the matter is complete.

THE VOICE OF THE MOUNTAINS 1986

Linda Barraclough, an Associate member has very kindly offered to arrange for the printing and will indeed be the Editor of this year's magazine. If you have any photographs, articles, poems etc. which you think would be of interest to Linda, please send them promptly to her care of Post Office Box 86, Bairnsdale. The deadline for all material to be included in the magazine is January 1st, 1986. Linda will be very interested to hear from anyone with material for the magazine. We thank her very much for taking on this important task.

THE MIGHTY MITTA MUSTER

We have received a letter from the Secretary of the Mighty Mitta Muster which states in part: "The encouragement ride is an endurance event, conducted in two stages over a total of 50 kilometres of mountain country with creek and river crossings and is held under veterinary supervision, to achieve a place in the event horses must withstand a veterinary inspection, cash prizes and trophies (usually bridles, headstalls, reins etc) are awarded to the placegetters. For 1986 the Mitta Muster Sports committee invites entries for this event from members of the Mountain Cattlemens Association and their families (and Associates we are informed), it is proposed to allot a cash prize and trophy, a separate category, to the first member of the Mountain Cattlemens Association to complete the course and comply with the veterinary check, full entry details can be obtained from Jack Serpell, Faraway Farm, Mitta Mitta. Telephone: 060 723 531. Horse accommodation is available at Mitta Mitta.

This weekend is held over the Labor Day weekend in March, and the race will be on the 9th March, 1986."

This is a great chance for any interested Associates to test their skills and have a lot of fun. Please contact Jack Serpell personally on the above phone number, or address.

LIAM BRADLEY'S FAMOUS SONG - "IT TAKES FAITH TO MOVE MOUNTAINS"

At last, at last!! Liam has produced this, and a terrific second side, on tape. It is a most beautiful song, played and sung by Liam himself (of course). We have been often asked whether copies are available, and at last now they are. If you wish to obtain a copy please write to:

LIAM BRADLEY,  
C/- POST OFFICE,  
MANSFIELD. 3722

Cost is \$6.00 which includes postage and packaging.

THE HOWQUA HILLS STORY - BOOK BY CHRIS. STONEY

Chris Stoney has written a very comprehensive and interesting book on the history of the Howqua. The book covers the discovery of the area, a very detailed history of mining with some fascinating photographs; and delightful stories of the families who have made the area their home, including special photographs of personalities, and anecdotes from family archives.

This is a very interesting book, the first by Chris Stoney, and I am sure many Associates will wish to add a copy to their collections.

Copies can be obtained by writing to Chris direct -

CHRIS. STONEY,

"MINTO PARK"

MANSFIELD. 3722

Cost is \$6.50 which includes postage.

We wish to take this opportunity to wish all members and Associates a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year, and hope to see as many of you as possible at the Get Together in February 1986.

S. Silvers,

December, 1985.